

From: Hickson, Nina R.
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:45 PM
To: Sengova, Jabu <jsengova@AtlantaGa.Gov>
Subject: Re: Redacted Emails and Confidentiality is Investigations

Please do what you deem appropriate. The authority will be hand -delivered to your office in the morning. Your actions potentially interfere with the pending federal investigation as well as my professional responsibility as attorney for the City.

I stand by my prior actions and will zealously defend them should that become necessary

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From: "Sengova, Jabu" <jsengova@AtlantaGa.Gov>
Date: 3/25/19 8:11 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hickson, Nina R." <NinaRHickson@AtlantaGa.Gov>
Subject: Redacted Emails and Confidentiality is Investigations

Nina,

It's my understanding that you have also directed AIM to review the email request from Audit. Please be advised that your actions constitute interference with our investigations and I intend to take this matter up further with Council. Further, as the prior Ethics Officer, I do not recall the City Attorney at any time requiring redaction of your email requests for our investigations. More importantly, you have not provided any legal authority for your contention that the emails are "privileged" communications.

I am also extremely concerned about the breach of confidentiality in that our requests have been exposed to parties who should not be privy to our requests. This was not an external open records request; this was an internal request from two independent agencies tasked with investigating this matter. We do not report to your office and will not be directed how to conduct our investigations.

Jabu M. Sengova
City Ethics Officer

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